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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION**

**COMMERCIAL SPACE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – CHARTER RENEWAL**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Announcement of Charter Renewal of the Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee (COMSTAC).

**SUMMARY:** FAA announces the charter renewal of the COMSTAC, a Federal Advisory Committee that provides information, advice, and recommendations to the Department of Transportation and the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on the critical matters facing the U.S. commercial space transportation industry. This charter renewal will take effect on November 16, 2012, and will expire after 2 years.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), FAA is giving notice of the charter renewal for the COMSTAC. The primary goals of COMSTAC are to: evaluate economic, technological, and institutional developments relating to the U.S. commercial space transportation industry; provide a forum for the discussion of problems involving the relationship between industry activities and government requirements; and make recommendations to the FAA Administrator on issues and approaches for Federal policies and programs regarding the industry. COMSTAC membership

consists of senior executives from the commercial space transportation industry; representatives from the satellite industry, both manufacturers and users; state and local government officials; representatives from firms providing insurance, financial investment and legal services for commercial space activities; and representatives from academia, space advocacy organizations, and industry associations. Complete information regarding COMSTAC is available on the FAA website at: [http://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/headquarters\\_offices/ast/advisory\\_committee/](http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ast/advisory_committee/).

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